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Successful Operation

New York, Dec. 19.—General Li Tsung-jen, the Chinese Nationalist Acting President, underwent an operation for stomach ulcers at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre here today. Officials stated here that his condition was excellent.

General Li's wife, secretary and military aides were at the hospital when he was taken to the operating theatre. They remained until he was returning to his room.

The Acting President arrived here by plane on December 7. He said then that he hoped to return to China to continue the "fight against the Communist forces of aggression."

—Reuter.

8 Die In Plane Crash

Paris, Dec. 19.—Mr Foster White, 81-year-old industrialist of Hartford, Connecticut, was one of eight people who died last night when a Belgian Sabena DC3 crashed on the outskirts of Paris.

The eight—four passengers and four crew members—were killed instantly when the plane plunged into a house, exploded and burst into flames.

Two of the passengers were Belgian, the other an Egyptian. Airfield officials believe that the plane, which was on the regular Paris-Brussels run, lost speed after taking off, touched a tree and the roof of a house and crashed into another house.

INQUIRY TO BE HELD

The late Mr White, who was field representative of the United Aircraft Service, was well-known in European air circles. He was married.

An inquiry was opening here today into the crash.

Guards had stood round the scene of the crash all night. Police and air officials watched while the bodies were laid out for identification.

The plane plunged into a two-story building. A 74-year-old handy man was standing by a window in the dining room when the plane hit the house.

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Mao-Stalin Alliance Treaty Expected

Washington, Dec. 19.—Top American officials tonight said they momentarily await news from Moscow that the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, and the Soviet Premier, Josef Stalin, have concluded a mutual aid agreement which would replace the treaty of friendship and alliance which the Russian leaders signed in August of 1945 with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist China.

While refusing to disclose positively whether they had received any direct word from Moscow on this subject, State Department officials made it plain that they had no doubt that a Sino-Soviet pact would result from the current meeting.

American officials tried to discount rumours current in the United States during the past weekend that Mao was in Moscow principally to express his concern over Soviet infiltration into the industrially rich province of Manchuria.

SEEKS BACKING

They thought that any Sino-Soviet agreement on this point was many months in the offing. The official assessment here was that Mao had gone to Moscow to determine just how much Soviet backing he could count on in solving a multitude of economic problems which have been encountered since the Communists overran most of China.

During their evaluation on the pattern evolved in Eastern Europe, officials here thought that the Soviet Union would promise China all manner of economic aid, assuming that it had no designs on any Chinese territory and exhort him to continue the "people's revolution" in Asia.

As for Mao, it was felt here that he had gone to Moscow when he decided that any immediate chances of securing assistance from Western nations had gone. It was pointed out that his only friends outside the Communist bloc so far appeared to be Burma, which itself is in a state of anarchy, and possibly India, which has not even enough industrial goods for itself.

The consensus of American officials was that Mao, faced with this situation, had decided that he has nothing to get from Western nations with

the next two years and therefore must make his approach to Moscow.

The expectation here is that the Soviet Union, once it has concluded a pact with Communist China, will use what is left of the Manchurian industrial establishment in an attempt to alleviate China's acute shortage of industrial equipment and supplies.

However, State Department officials believe that unless Russia has more tricks in her bag than this, she eventually is doomed to failure in this newest experiment. It is this upon which the United States government is counting.—United Press.

Hashish Found Aboard Ship

Alexandria, Dec. 19.—The Belgian ship Seneal, 1,837 tons, has been held here and three of her crew detained following the discovery of 130 kilograms of hashish on board her when she arrived here from Beirut.

The find was valued at £13,000.

Acting on secret information, the police boarded the vessel when she docked yesterday and found the drug hidden in rubber tyres.

A representative of the Belgian Consulate was present at the enquiry.

The captain and all members of the crew professed complete ignorance of the hashish but an engineer and two of his assistants were detained.

The agent of the ship here said that the vessel was scheduled to remain in the harbour for four or five days while loading general cargo for Antwerp.—Reuter.

Fog Brought This About



COUP IN SYRIA

Temporary Solution Reached

London, Dec. 19.—Reports from Damascus tonight said that the army and the new President of Syria, Hashem Atassi Pasha, had reached a "temporary solution" and under this the deposed President Sami Hinnawi had been released and pensioned.

The reports also said that Colonel Anwar al-Mahdawi had been named Commander of the Syrian Army.

Tonight's session of the Syrian Constituent Assembly was adjourned until Thursday owing to the indisposition of the new President, Hashem Atassi Pasha.

The session was to have been devoted to the swearing in of the new President.

While the coup d'etat was being carried out in Damascus, Syrian officers turned up as usual near the Israeli frontier to discuss with Israeli officers current problems of the Mixed Armistice Commission.

FRIENDLY CHAT

The Commission met on the Syrian side at Jisr Banat Yassir and chatted in a friendly manner about the Damascus events.

The Syrians promised to turn up on January 9 on the Israeli side to continue discussions.

The influential French Conservative evening newspaper Le Monde asked today whether the latest coup d'etat in Syria resulted from a third attempt to seize power by supporters of the Greater Syrian Plan.

At first sight the possibility was not excluded, Le Monde said.

However that might be Syria had suffered only too much from these successive coups de force.

The Syrian people had not ceased to prove each time it had a chance to reject its attachment to the Republican form of government and, above all, its desire for independence from foreign powers if the union of the Arab peoples continues to be the watershed of the ancient capital of the Omeyyad Caliphs.

PAA TO SEEK GUIDANCE

New York, December 19.—The Pan-American Airlines Headquarters said tonight that it planned to seek the guidance of the United States government in regard to its interests in the China National Aviation Corporation.

A spokesman said the Pan-American, which owns 20 percent of the CNAAC, was surprised at reports that the Nationalist Government had sold the airline to Major General Claire Chennault and Whiting Willauer, since the agreement with the Pan-American forbids the sale to a third party.

The spokesman said the statement was made as a result of queries growing out of news stories of the sale by the Nationalist government of its 80 percent interest in the line.—United Press.

Protest Against Delay Of Peking Recognition



Assurances Given To Commercial Interests

London, Dec. 19.—British commercial interests with £200 million at stake in China, on Monday lodged a strong protest with the British government for delaying the announcement of British de jure recognition of the Chinese Communist regime.

The secretary of a representative body of big British business firms in China called at the Foreign Office on Monday. It is understood that he received assurances to the effect that the British Government have decided in principle to recognise the Peking government and that the date of the announcement has been left to the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin.

Business concerns privately expressed the opinion that the announcement would be made before the end of this year, and most probably before Mr Bevin leaves London on December 27 for the Colombo Commonwealth Foreign Ministers conference.

A spokesman of the China Association estimated British investment in China at between £170—£200 million.

Official sources said that the announcement of recognition was held up first because it was hoped it would be possible to reach agreement on the form and time with the United States, and then because it was considered desirable to assess the policies of the new governments in Australia and New Zealand. It was understood that there was underlaid a divergence of view so far, but authoritative American sources deprecated reports that the U.S. was occasioning delay of the British recognition by injecting technicalities regarding Formosa.

The consensus of all available informed opinion was that the announcement will come before the end of the year and probably before Mr Bevin leaves London on December 27. All official comment confirmed that the British have carefully examined the question in all its bearings and are convinced that the advantages of recognition outweigh the disadvantages.—United Press.

Five Children Trapped In Blazing Room

Emmett, Michigan, Dec. 19.—Five children trapped in their upstairs bedroom burned to death today when fire roared through a two-story wooden frame farmhouse near Emmett, Michigan.

Their parents, Mr and Mrs Clarence Bethway escaped with five of their 11 children and Mr Bethway's 90-year-old mother through windows in the lower part of the house.

One girl escaped because she was spending the night with her maternal grand-parents. Three of her brothers and two of her sisters lost their lives.

The police said that the fire apparently started from a heating stove.—Reuter.

U.S., Britain & Canada To Standardise Military Equipment & Training

London, Dec. 19.—The United States, Britain and Canada today jointly announced their agreement on plans for future standardisation of military equipment and training methods. The new arrangements were announced simultaneously in Washington, London and Ottawa.

Informed sources in London said the agreement was essentially a long-term project. They said there was no intention of scrapping equipment in use or ceasing immediate production of any particular equipment. They added that the idea was to eliminate incidental difficulties which might impede the co-operation of ground, sea and air forces in case of war.

Bao Dai To Take Power

Dec. 30 Set As Date

Saigon, Dec. 19.—The Vietnam Government of the former Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, will on December 30 formally take over power in French Indo-China—along whose north-eastern border Chinese Communist troops are now reported to be grouped.

The Joint Franco-Vietnam Commission announced the transfer here today, according to Agence France Presse.

The Commission had been working out transfer details under the March 8 agreement, whereby France recognised the independence of Vietnam within the French Union.

Agence France Presse had reported earlier that several thousand Chinese Communists, pursuing retreating Nationalists, had taken up positions on the frontier 60 miles from Hanoi.

READY RESPONSE TO APPEAL

There has been a very good response by the shipping companies in the Colony to the appeal by the Director of Marine made early this month requesting vessels calling at Hongkong to exercise care in taking in water supplies.

The Water authority this morning said that since the request had been circulated the quantity of water required by ships and vessels of all kinds had been reduced by as much as a third of the normal supply. If this reduction was maintained, there would be no necessity to impose any restrictions.

The Director of Marine this morning said that some of the shipping companies had greatly reduced their water intake while many others had instructed their vessels to refill their tanks in other ports. He added that the shipping concerns were co-operating with the authority to save as much water as possible.

Slain By Giant Jelly Fish

Melbourne, Dec. 19.—A giant jelly fish stung a 10-year-old boy to death on a north Queensland beach today. The father, desperately trying to save his son, was unable to chase it away in time.

The young victim, Brian Andrew McNamara, died in agony after the giant jelly fish wrapped itself around his legs and body on North Mission Beach, 77 miles from Tully. After his father had hit and kicked it, the fish slid away and escaped out to sea.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Industrialised Hongkong

MORE than 150,000 people have attended the Chinese Products Exhibition in Kowloon since it was opened last Thursday afternoon—a nice compliment to the attractiveness and general excellence of the fair; a worthy reward, also, for the enterprise and skill of the Hongkong Chinese manufacturers whose faith in their ability to compete with the world in many "lines" hitherto considered to be exclusively Western for quality and ingenuity, is unbounded. The claim that this year's exhibition is far and away superior to that of 1948 is undisputed; the goods on display reveal a praiseworthy advance in quality and finish, whilst much more imagination has been shown in presenting them to the public eye. The exhibition deserves to be a rousing success and can hardly fail to be so. But while local reaction is important, the real purpose is to convince overseas buyers how well, and relatively how cheaply, Hongkong can manufacture essentials as well as luxury goods—more especially those commodities which have to compete with products obtainable in other countries whose manufacturing prestige has long been established. In this respect, three types of manufactures take the limelight—cotton fabrics, enamel ware and mechanical toys. Cotton weaving has become a major post-war industry in Hongkong and represents the greatest single industrial development of the Colony since 1945. And it is to the credit of those responsible for the creation of this industry in such a big way that they have gone in for thoroughly modern plant and have provided their workers with the best possible conditions. These are two prime reasons why Hongkong can, today, produce finished cotton articles equal in quality to the same article turned out in

more highly industrialised countries, and at competitive prices. Striking too, at this exhibition are the wide ranges of excellent enamel ware and the highly ingenious and novel mechanical toys. Here again our local manufacturers have made tremendous strides, and it is fair to say that only prohibitive import restrictions can fail to find for them ready and generous overseas markets. This was a pertinent point made by Mr E. G. A. Grimwood in his broadcast last Saturday. There were plenty of admirers at last year's BIF of Hongkong's products, but owing to the ruling import restrictions, there was little opportunity for our manufacturers to turn this to profitable account. The removal of many of the import controls since then should facilitate the efforts of our manufacturers and exporters to break into a ready and willing market. Eventually, however, the acid test will be whether Hongkong can produce manufactured commodities that can capture gold dollar trade. Producing costs can probably be kept within the competitive sphere, but it is fairly obvious that our present quality, good though it be, will need to show further improvement before the goods will become acceptable to a public accustomed to the standard of workmanship in the Western hemisphere. The Colony's industrial potentialities have only just begun to be explored. A big future presents itself, carrying with it a challenge to the ingenuity and solid faith of our Chinese manufacturers. The manner in which they have so far accepted this challenge excites general admiration; these merit also merit the confidence of Hongkong that they will, eventually, help to make the Colony one of the most important industrial cities in the Far East.

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THIS WEEK'S
GADGET

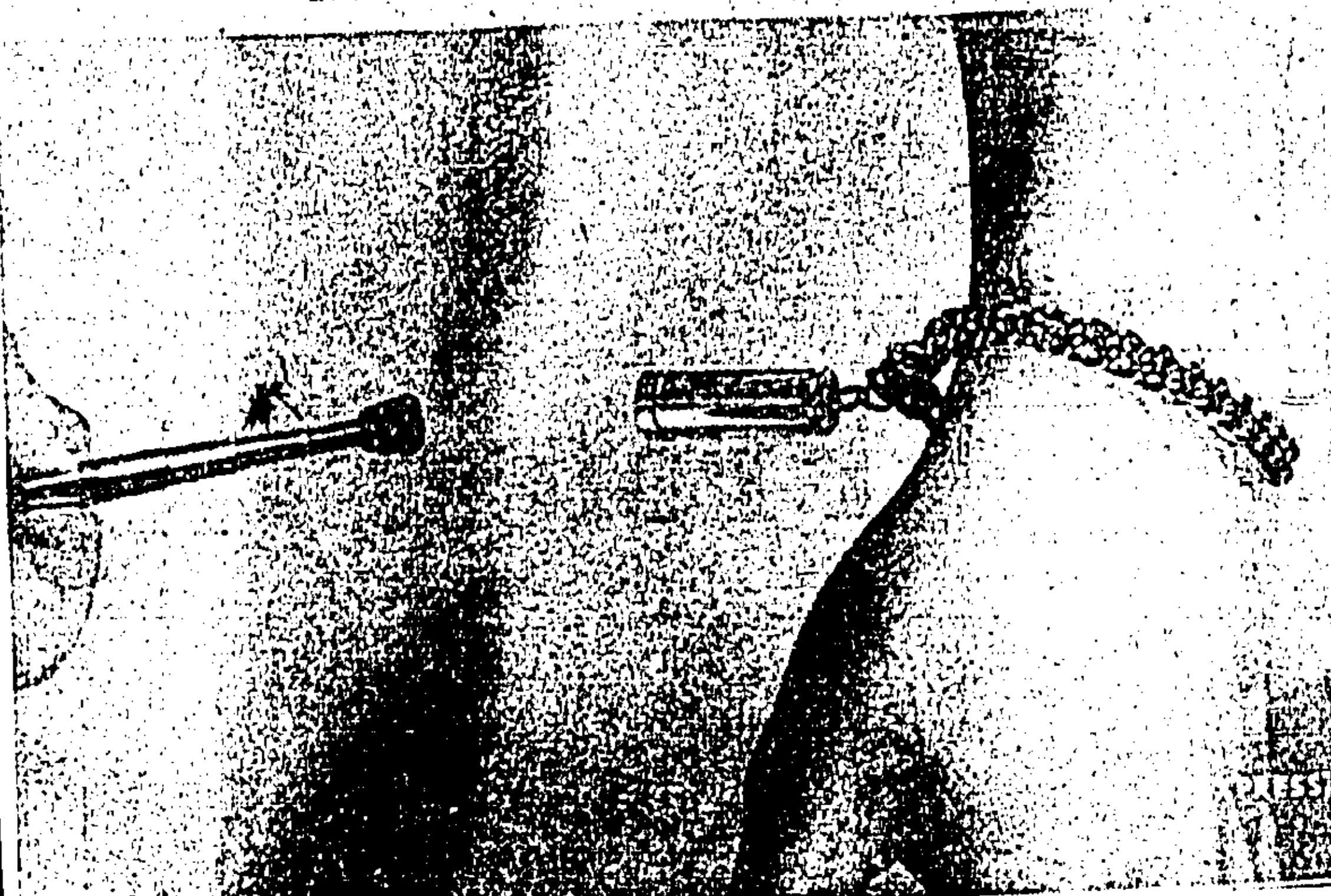


This power is just what
is wanted for a tin of
evaporated milk or fruit
or tomato juice. It is
easy to use and non-corrosive.
After being withdrawn
from an empty tin, it can
be used over and over again
for new ones.

London Express Service

WOMANSENSE

A Christmas Idea



Christmas idea from London:
zill bracelet with a tiny
capsule attached. Inside is a
ladies' collapsible cigarette
holder.

Tips On Cleaning A Stove

By ELEANOR ROSS

TIME to get after the stove,
whether gas or electric, and
have it in gleaming, apple-pie
condition for its big season.
Electric ranges finished in syn-
thetic enamel or porcelain
enamel require a good washing
with warm soapy water, but
when the range is cool.
If any food has been spilled
on closed units, and has not
been wiped off, remove it with
an open unit must be burned
off and is best removed by
charing during a regular cooking
session. Never use a stiff brush
or sharp instrument because of
the danger of injury to the
heating coils.

Oven Shelf

Now is the time to replace
fading or only partly function-
ing heating elements. The oven
shelf supports and the heat
distributor, if they are of the
removable type, should be taken
out and washed well with soap
and water. If there are any
spilled food stains remove with a
mild abrasive.
Give range surfaces a
good going over with warm
soapy water. Don't use cleaning
powders for they might scratch
the porcelain enamel and the
chromium used sometimes for
trimmings and oven linings.
Take out racks, rack guides and
oven bottom for a good washing.
Obstinate spots should yield to
baking soda or kerosene. Re-
move burners, brush off all dust
and food particles, and clean
the air shutter.

Proper Job

For a proper job, boil the
burners in a solution of one
tbsp. of soda to 3 quarts of
water. But don't do this for
aluminum burners, since alumi-
num tends to darken aluminum.
Wash well in warm soapy
water and then rinse in clear
hot water. Before replacing
dry the burners upside down in
a warm oven. Clean the pilot
valve very carefully with a
piece of wire. Rough handling
is likely to damage it.
If a bad food spill-over on
the oven bottom has been
overlooked, and does not come
away readily with soap and
water, place a piece of old
towel or kitchen cloth damp-
ened with household ammonia,
over the bottom plate. If the
cloth is left until dry the burned
out material usually loosens and
is then readily removed by
washing. If one of the burners
is not working properly, now
is the time to have it adjusted.
Unless a stove functions per-
fectly much of the effort and
expense put into meals is
wasted.

Tips On Buying New Playthings

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

IS a stuffed bear or cat almost
as big as the youngster
who plays with it a very
superior toy because of its size?
Is it as valuable as five or more
smaller toys whose aggregate
cost would be no greater than
that of this big one? Is it
any more valuable than a bear
or cat a fifth as large?

Is a very large toy car or truck
five times as valuable for a toy
as much in case both are equally
sturdy? Do very large blocks
for home toys have five times
the value for playthings as
blocks a fifth as large?
Much may be said for very
large blocks for a large kinder-
garten room where children can
build a house big enough to
enter and to walk about inside
with ease. Hollow blocks are
often made for this purpose,
though large blocks afford more
exercise and experience at lifting.

Large Toys

A few very large toys on
which children can ride and in
which they can haul things seem
to be very good for the kinder-
garten. Also there should be
many smaller blocks and things
to move about, manipulate and
build with, like spoons and
dominoes and checker men, even
some small toy cars and trucks.
Children using these smaller
things at school or home at
creative play seem more inclined
to employ their imagination. Per-
haps the nearer to life size a
plaything is the less it stimulates
the imagination, as a rule.

Kindergartens which can't
afford the very large blocks and
wheel toys need not be too much
discouraged. A few very large
blocks can be homemade and

After the child is six or seven
he may, indoors, enjoy long
periods of creative fun with
domino blocks and cars and
trucks to push about imagin-
atively. No larger than those
supposed to appeal only to the
three-year-old. Even the girl at
eight or ten who may like to
have a doll a few feet long that
she can dress may also derive
no end of happiness with a
variety of dolls much smaller
and less expensive.

Of course, for outdoor fun a
wagon, cart or truck big enough
to haul sizable loads are very
desirable playthings. But the
very huge stuffed animal can
hardly be the child of four or
eight in proportion to its cost
and required space. It's doubt-
ful whether the child handling
a number of these huge toys
can gain the satisfaction of
superiority over them which he
can gain from smaller play-
things.

From A Royal Designer



By ALICE ALDEN

It takes a master hand to produce the really fine ball gown,
one of distinctive outline and devoid of ostentation. Norman
Marshall of London, designer of beautiful ball gowns for Queen
Elizabeth, and the two princesses, fashions this gala gown of
dove gray satin. A ribbon collar develops into two large pockets
below the waist, and is embroidered in gray pearls in a Broderie
Anglaise design. With it are worn matching gray satin gloves.

Shopping for a New Dress



You'll never go wrong, says Screen Star Adele Jergens, if you choose a
basic dress and wear pretty jewelry with it.

By HELEN FOLLETT

CLOTHES may not make the
man, but they certainly
have plenty to do with making
that woman in the looking glass
appear attractive or otherwise.
Some girls fancy that if they
had plenty of money they could
be ladies of fashion. It is not
as simple as that. Smart attire
is the result of a combination
of gifts—good taste, an ap-
preciation of beautiful colours
and graceful lines, an under-
standing of suitability. One's
type must be taken into con-
sideration.

It will not do to have fixed
ideas. The woman who reverts
new offerings looks pretty much
the same year after year. She
is usually given to the practice
of "selecting" dress colours—
accent her drab personality.
Let an expert dressmaker take
her in hand and she'll look off
ten years, come out fresh and
blooming.

Clothes should look as if they
belong, as if there is a friendly
bond between them and the
wearer. This pleasant state of
affairs will not exist if the frock
looks too large or too snug, if it
even slimmers.

Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Christmas Dinner In Ireland

IN Ireland, as in every Christian
country, the Christmas din-
ner is the occasion for a family
gathering. Rooms are decorated
with branches of holly tucked
behind pictures and arranged in
vases. No garlands are used,
and many a wreath on the door
—it would bring bad luck. The
children believe implicitly in
Santa Claus, and on Christmas
Eve they hang up their stock-
ings. Bulky gifts which can't
be stuffed in, are hidden in their
sleeping rooms. At sun-up next
morning, they are eagerly ex-
ploring the stockings and hunt-
ing merrily for their other gifts.
The grown-ups dole out and be-
lieve in the custom of being
in Irish Catholic families to at-
tend early Christmas mass. All
Protestants go to church at
eleven in the morning. Attend-
ance at midnight mass on
Christmas Eve is sparse, for
there is little night-work, and
kind in Ireland. However, after
dinner at four or five o'clock
everyone attends vespers. Christ-
mas Day itself is the focus of
the celebration, which is
every respect a modest, dignified
and sincere tribute to the
Nativity.

A big cake or some article
for the house might be given to
a married couple; toys, useful
garments or home-made sweets
to the children.

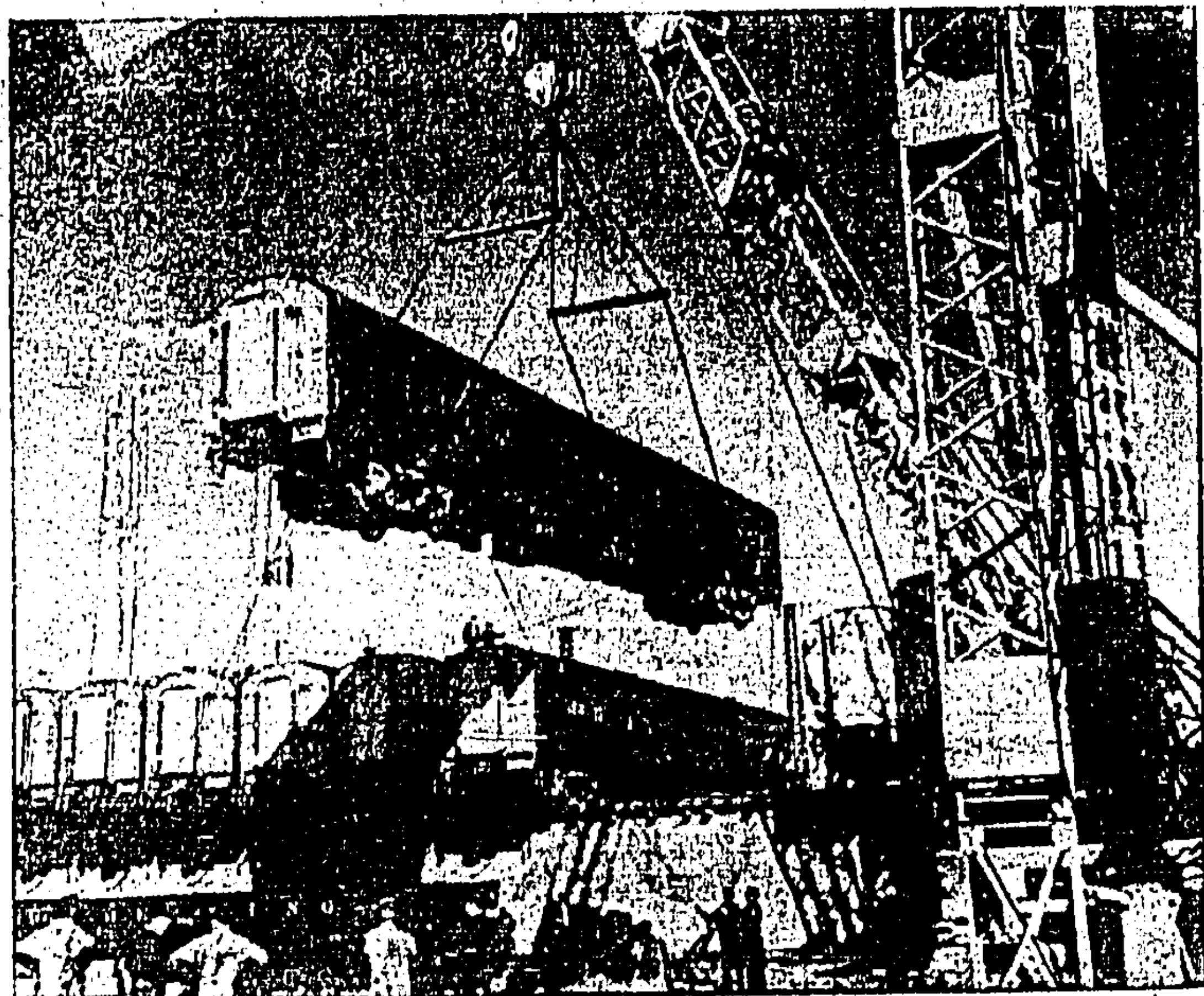
Family Affair
Dinner is served between
three and four in the afternoon,
strictly a family affair.
The big table is extended full
length, and covered with a
gleaming white Irish linen cloth,
treasured by every Irish home-
maker. In the centre of the
table there may be a small low
table of greens and red
berries. There is no room for
much decoration as the table is
filled with food. The Christmas
dinner is a bountiful, forthright
meal, but not "fancy". It is
built around either roast goose
or turkey, always with plenty
of herb-braised stuffing. The
vegetables are always fresh and
often home grown, except the
traditional fresh tomatoes, im-
ported from Spain and served
sliced. With the exception of
apple sauce, no conserves or
jellies are served at an Irish
dinner—they are reserved for
tea. The bread is either a good
white yeast bread, or the famous
Irish soda bread or both. A
popular soup to start off the
dinner is leek soup, made
without milk or cream. Serving
a Christmas plum pudding is the
custom throughout the British
Isles, and it is the climax of the
Irish Christmas Dinner, served
blazing if the necessary brandy
or spirits can be afforded. The
menu would run like this:

Roast Goose
Clean the goose and tweeze
out any pin feathers. Scrub all
over with mild soapy water.
Rinse several times with tepid
water. Drain and dry thoroughly.
Dust inside and out with salt
and pepper. Fill with herb-
broad stuffing, or if you are not
going to serve leek soup, use an
onion stuffing. Close the vent
with tooth picks or poultry pins
lacing them together with white
sitting and lying securely. Wash
the wings to the body of the
goose with poultry pins or tooth
picks. Place on a rack in the
roasting pan, and bake in a
moderate oven, 350 F., allowing
about 25 min. to the pound. Do
not baste or prick with a fork.
The fat will cook out normally.
If the surface is not well
browned, dredge with flour
when ¾ cooked. To serve, re-
move the trussing strings; place
on a heated platter and garnish
with celery tips.

Onion Bread Stuffing: Peel 4
large onions. Place in boiling
water and simmer about 8 min.
Then drain and chop fine. Add
2 tsp. dried sage, 2 c. fine-stale
bread crumbs, 2 tsp. salt, ¼
tsp. pepper, 1 beaten egg and 3
tbsp. melted butter. Mix thor-
oughly. The stuffing is ready for
use. If necessary add a little extra
fat. If desired, half of the goose
liver may be simmered until
tender, chopped and added to
the stuffing.

Trick of the Chef
To braise potatoes, peel and
boil them in meat stock contain-
ing a little fat. When done,
drain and shake over a low heat
to dry out.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



HEADING SOUTH—The last of a shipment of 24 all-stainless steel railway passenger cars is lifted aboard a ship in Philadelphia. Built for a company in Brazil, they are now en route there, and include sleepers, baggage-mail cars, coaches and kitchen-diners.



HONOURS—Robert Frost, left, famous American poet, receives the "Gold Medal Award" from author Mark Van Doren at a meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. The award was given to Frost for a book of poetry which critics claimed was "most likely to become a classic."



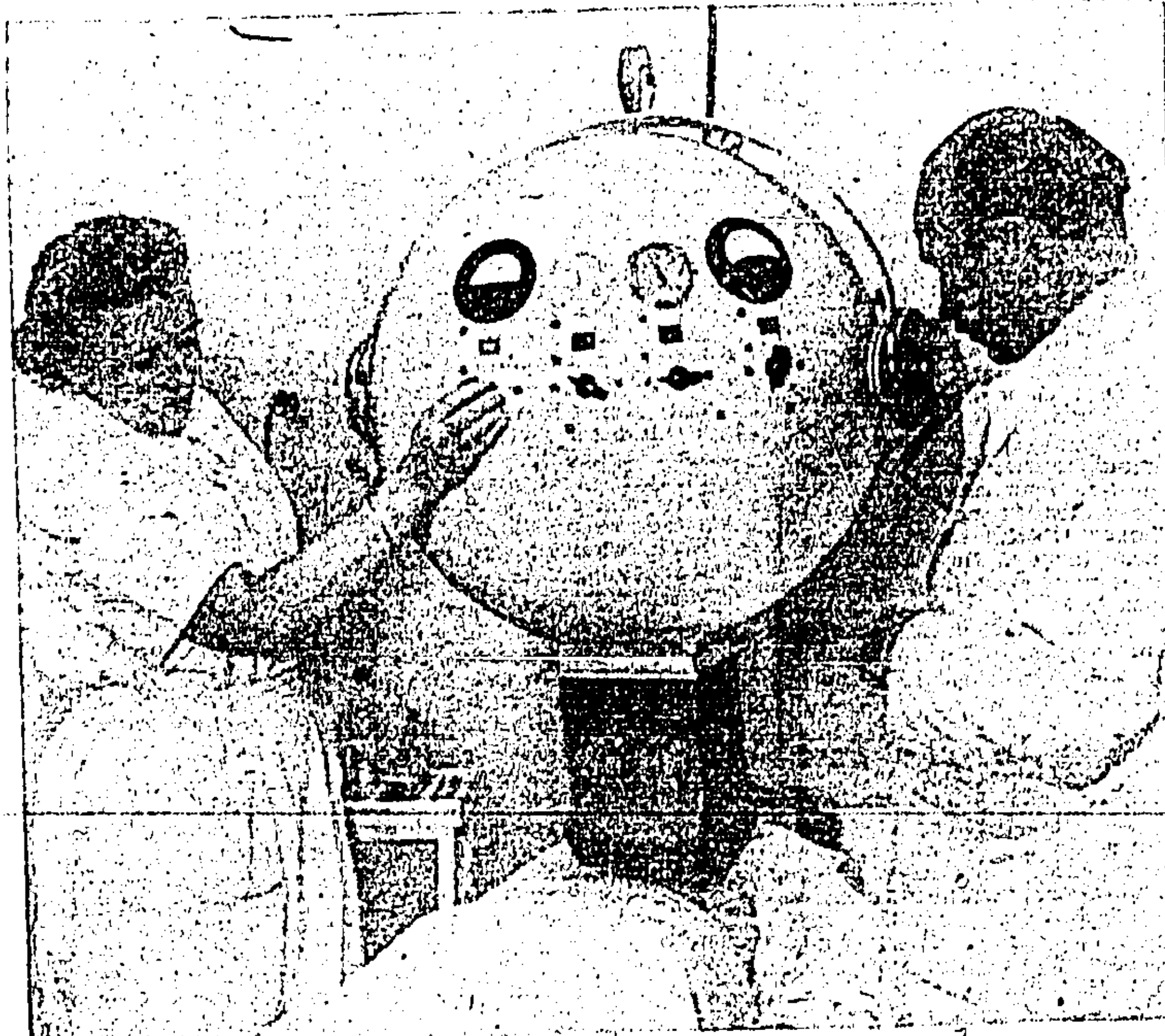
JUST STARTING OUT—Little Eddie Geary carried poses when he said goodbye to departing relatives at New York's LaGuardia Airport. The 10-month-old tot also took his first steps alone.



NARROW ESCAPE—When this gasoline tank truck burst into flames near Binghamton, N.Y., William Wright, the driver, leapt to safety. Traffic was held up in both directions while 4,000 gallons went up in a spectacular tower of flame.



KNOW-HOW—Barbara Leslie's expert handling of her top piece in New York keeps an attraction from becoming a sensation. The shapely model has admirable technique.



NEW ATOMIC MEDICAL EQUIPMENT—Dr. Max Bindig, right, administers treatment to an inoperable cancer victim with a Vibratom-Automator in Munich, Germany, using atomic energy to combat the disease. Bindig worked with an atomic researcher to build the atomic ball, which has been successful in battling heart, liver and stomach diseases as well as ulcers, tumours and cancer.



LOOKING THINGS OVER—Getting a preview of attractions of the coming racing season in Miami, Florida, are Ava Hall and La Nappe, who'll be on opposite sides of the racetrack fence. The horse is a French visitor, and Ava's a Miami gal.



COMING DOWN—Fellow workers lower Rex Drewel down the side of Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis, Missouri, after his 30-foot fall through the scaffolding. Drewel fell from the roof while working on repairs to the coping of the structure, and was rushed to the hospital in a serious condition.



INTRODUCTION—Young Benjamin Stanton, three-month-old son of actress Esther Williams and radio actor Ben Gage, poses for his picture in Hollywood. Esther's back at work on a new film, her first since the birth of her son.



TESTING—Dr. Robert C. Miller, right, took advantage of construction work in San Francisco to test his snapping turtle's hearing. Some experts claim the reptiles are deaf, and this turtle seemed to be unaware of the racket of the rivet gun.

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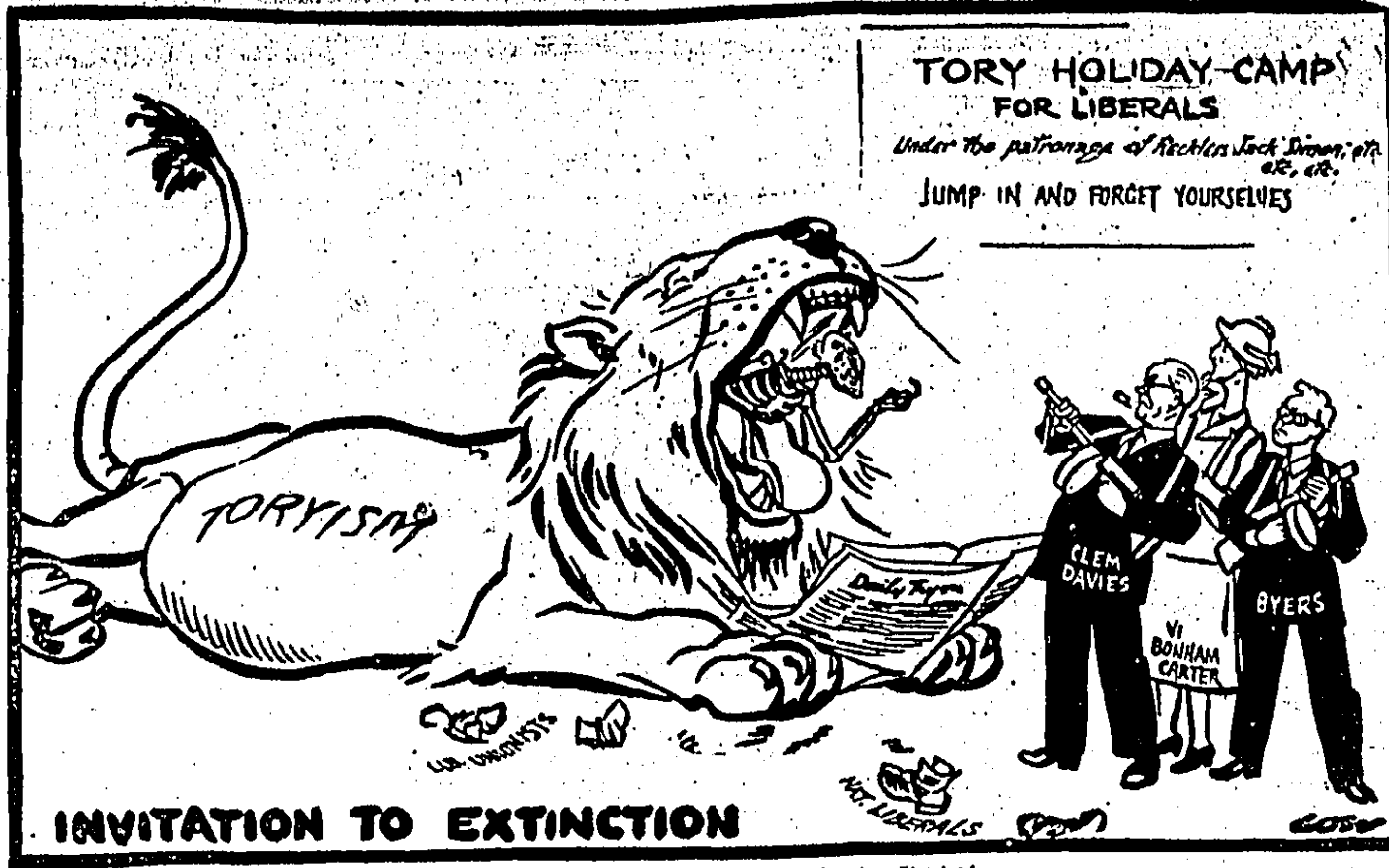
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OF course dark-brown Herod heard of these matters. Ever since Zachary had been stricken dumb on the altar there had been rumours of queer happenings in Jerusalem, and Herod's spies, hearing everything, reported all the gossip, including whispers from the north that a virgin of Nazareth was going to have a baby.

The shepherds, too, had naturally blabbed about their supernatural experience. Agents of the king reported the strange stories, but had to admit that the tales were vague; they had learned nothing circumstantial, not even the names of the father and mother.

Herod had a turbulent scene with his spies. "What kind of services is this?" he roared at them. "Get me facts!"

They came back with alarming facts. Three wise men from the East had arrived in the capital. They had no caravan; merely four camels, the extra boxes loaded with bales and boxes which they kept ever near them at the khan. Gossip said they were kings, travelling incognito.

"What kind of men do they pretend to be? Merchants? Ambassadors with gifts for me? Or what?"

Star In The East
"MAGI, or wise men," was the answer. "Yet these three do not seem to be so very wise. They have gone up and down Jerusalem from the stadium to the Temple, saying nothing wise at all but instead asking questions of everybody."

The spies gulped and flushed and cleared their throats. "What questions, fool? Speak up or I'll have you flogged."

"They are asking about the birth of a fabulous child who is to take the throne of Israel. They say they have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him."

Then Herod, having learned from Annas, the high priest, of the old prophecies concerning the Messiah, commanded that the three wise men be brought to the throne room.

For this interview he arrayed himself in his kingly robes to impress the savants and rulers from the lands beyond the Euphrates.

Curious Meeting
It was a curious meeting. The august travellers from the East behaved admirably before the king, observing all the proprieties of a throne-room audience. Then, rising, they announced their names—Caspas, Melchior and Balthazar.

Herod looked upon them with a blandly smiling, affable and suave.

"We are curious to know," he told them, "why it is that we are honoured by a visit from such great dignitaries."

They told him very simply that they were following a star. "Well, what do you say this star portends?"

The Wise Men were very wise, indeed, because they merely shook their heads and said they could not tell fortunes. But did they not know what it meant for the future of Israel? No, they could not be sure of anything in the future; the star led them on, that was all.

"Bu," persisted Herod, "What do you expect to find under this star?"

Then Balthazar told him. "A child," the old traveller answered, closing his eyes.

"A child?" Herod's voice was creamy with interest. "And what about this child?"

Not Free To Talk
MELCHIOR answered that they were not free to talk until their errand was complete. "Very well, then," growled Herod. "Where do you expect to find him?"

"Bethlehem," Such a place?"

Again they shrugged. They could only follow the star. With the coming of night they would resume their journey. Herod saw that it was useless to bring mere force against wisdom, and turned a cunningly smiling face upon the three.

"Then this is what you must do," he dissembled. "Go find the child and then come back and tell me and I will go worship him too."

Lifting a sweating hand to his brow, Herod allowed them to depart. No sooner were the doors shut behind them than he gave the signal to his spies; they were to follow the Wise Men and search everywhere else besides; find the child that had been born under a magical star.

But in the darkness of that night, Caspas, Melchior and Balthazar, with their extra laden camel, eluded Herod's pursuers. The Wise Men rode by an inside lane, on to Bethlehem, as if there was nothing in the world of human cunning that wise men had to fear. They found the town, the inn, the stable. They knelt, and their eyes were full of worshipful glory as they gazed upon Mary's baby.

Night Of Dreams

THEN the Wise Men embraced Joseph, kissed his beard and bowed ceremoniously. Having bestowed their gifts, they departed from the stable, but not to return to Jerusalem. The waiting Herod was never to see them again.

Having bedded down at another inn, all three Magi went promptly to sleep and dreamed the same dream. Because of that dream, they rose in the middle of the night and got away on their camels, completely outwitting several searching hands from the palace. By



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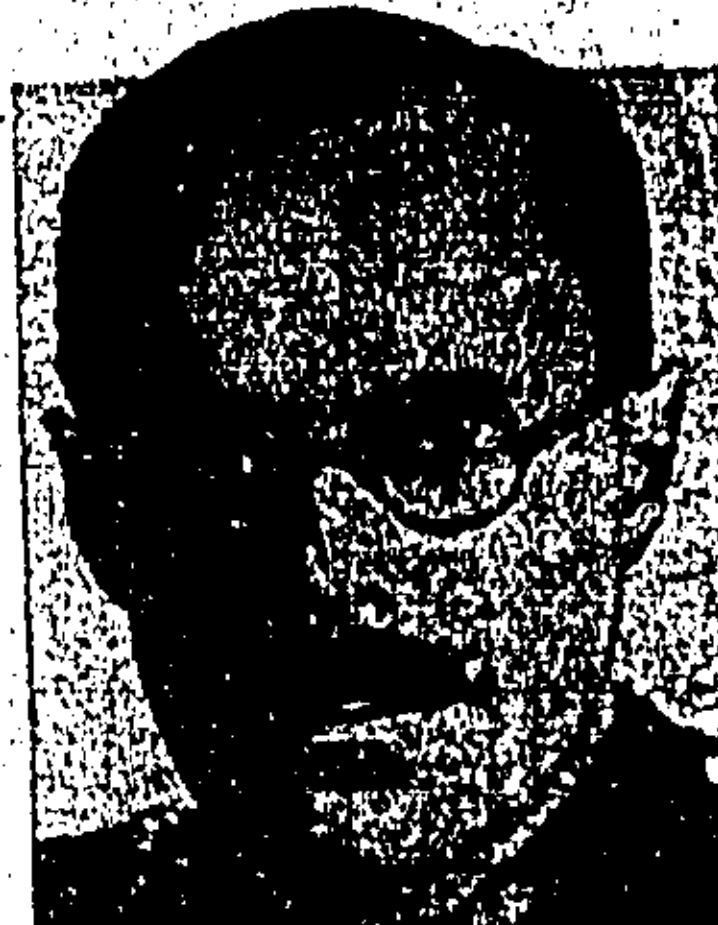
By Ernie Bushmiller

A run on the mind doctors

By Sidney Rodin

SO many people in Britain are suffering or imagine they are suffering from neurosis—mental ill-health—that the Institute of Psycho-analysis, the most eminent body of mind specialists in the country, has closed its waiting-list.

People already on it must wait from six months to two years for treatment. And at the psychiatric departments of St. Bartholomew's, St. George's, Guy's and other large hospitals who want their minds examined have to wait upwards of six months. Finding a psychiatrist or psycho-analyst who will treat you is said to be as difficult as finding a new car for sale. The mind experts are working as late as 9 p.m. coping with the



Dr. Alfred Torrie

rush of patients. There are more people stretched out on couches in the softly-lit consulting rooms of these specialists than ever before.

The number of men and women who think themselves neurotic, in fact, is so large that the Ministry of Health is getting up a committee to inquire how best they can be helped.

There are only about 1,200 psychiatrists who are doctors—their training takes 11 years—and not many more than 100 lay psycho-analysts whose credentials are recognised by the medical profession.

Yet most physicians agree that one-third of all illness has been found due to "psychological conflict."

At the hospitals only a short-term of treatment can be given under the National Health Scheme.

What they pay

The Institute of Psycho-analysis and the two other principal organisations endeavour to charge patients according to their means.

But hundreds of neurotics pay an average of £300 a year to be cured, and the cure may take four years.

Harley - street psychiatrists charge from two to five guineas for every three-quarters of an hour session on their couches. Because of the length of time which may be involved, one leading mind doctor requires some of his patients to deposit £2,000 before he will undertake the case.

Others advise patients to set aside a guinea or two each week from their income. There is increased resort to rapid methods to obtain results—electrical shock treatment and the use of drugs—but these may be applied only by qualified doctors.

The cost is usually equivalent to that for a major surgical operation—from 50 to 100 guineas—and often the patient prefers to pay rather than take his place in the queue for free treatment under the Health scheme.

No 'craze'

Although many thousands of people are rushing to consult psychologists and other mind healers whose qualifications are not normally recognised, the top professional men deny there is a current "craze" for having one's head examined.

It is too expensive, they say, and people who imagine mental illness are quickly told to go.

Most genuine sufferers come from the middle classes, particularly the upper middle class.

Men neurotics are as numerous as women, but people who live in the country are less inclined to suffer from the fears, oppressions, hysteria, and anxieties which are the common symptoms of mental ill-health.

"Thousands of 'problem children' are now examined. Three in every 100 juvenile delinquents are psycho-analysed annually in child guidance clinics."

All recruits to the Forces who find themselves "maladjusted" and unhappy may also be seen by psychiatrists.

What are the reasons for the widespread demand for treatment?

The 'new fear'

Dr. Alfred Torrie, medical director of the National Association for Mental Health, said: "This is a period of transition in which the old class leadership are disappearing, and many people cannot adapt themselves

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Debate On Jerusalem Statute Postponed

MEXICAN PROPOSAL APPROVED BY TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Lake Success, Dec. 19.—Mexico today proposed the postponement until January of further public discussion by the Trusteeship Council of the draft statute for an international regime in Jerusalem.

Japanese Believe In Ghosts

Tokyo, Dec. 19.—That six percent of the Japanese people still believe in ghosts was the finding of the Education Ministry, made public today.

This was the result of a two-year nation-wide poll conducted by an agency with the cumbersome title: "Superstition Investigation Committee," which was appointed for the task by the Ministry.

The survey concluded also that 20 percent of the people believe in the age-old Japanese superstition that foxes and badgers can bewitch or possess human beings. Seven percent of college graduates are among this number.

Ministry officials were reported to be appalled at the findings.—Reuter.

Israel Must Be Strong, Jews Told

Proclamation At London Reception

London, Dec. 19.—Many distinguished Jews attended a reception here tonight to celebrate the recent announcement that Israel now has a population of 1,000,000 Jews.

Mr N. Engelsberg, technical adviser to the Zionist Organisation in Britain, read a proclamation issued by the Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

The declaration, however, emphasized that only 10 percent of the people had reached their homeland.

"We should remember that the State of Israel must be strong and peopled by a great number of Jews so as to safeguard its independence and sovereignty in the face of the dangers threatening it on all sides," the declaration said.

Professor S. Brodetsky, member of the Zionist Executive and President of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, said: "When we decided to establish the State of Israel, we knew it would be possible to bring Jews into Israel."

"ON MISTAKE"

"I think the Government of the State of Israel has in the past 18 months done a job of first-class importance from every point of view."

"There could be nobody so assured as to suppose it could be undone. The State was recognised by some 50 Governments."

"Even today," he continued, "the number of Jews coming into the State is at least 10,000 a month. The whole essence of the State is immigration. It is solving the Jewish problem."

Dr S. Levenberg, head of the Jewish Agency in Great Britain, regretted that a recent United Nations decision had placed Israel in a position of conflict with the United Nations.

He thought the honourable way out was for the great international body to admit that it had made a mistake 10 days ago and to convene a new General Assembly to review the future of Israel.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.00, "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.02, "It's Swing Time"; 6.20, Cantonese by Radio-Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and Mr. S. K. Lee (Lesson 6) (Studio); 6.50, The Melodious Strings; 7.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, American Letter by Alvin Cooke (London Relay); 7.30, "Stage and Screen Favourites" Presented by Alvin Cooke (Studio); 8.00, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, Linda Cater Talks on Films; 8.15, "The Blue Danube"; 8.20, The True Story of the Strauss Family and Their Contemporaries (Part 2); 8.30, "The Blue Danube" Orchestra; 8.40, "Services Spotlight"—Concert by the Band of the South Gloucestershire Regiment; 9.00, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 9.15, Weather Report; 9.30, "Time For Music"—BBC; 9.40, "The Blue Danube" Orchestra Conducted by Gilbert Vinter (BBC); 10.45, Dance To Red Hot Rhythm; 11.00, "The Blue Danube" (Quintet); 11.15, Weather Report; World and Home News; 11.30, "The Blue Danube" (London Relay); 11.45, "God Save the King"; 11.50, Close Down.

Mr Raul Noriega, the Mexican delegate, suggested that the President of the Council, M. Roger Garreau, of France, should collate the ideas of all delegations and interested Governments and present them as a working paper when the Council meets for its next regular session in Geneva in January.

The suggestion was immediately supported by Mr Francis Sayre (United States) and Mr G. R. Laking (New Zealand). It had been discussed informally by many members of the Council around a table in the delegates' lounge before they gathered formally in the Council Chamber.

Mr Noriega, who emphasized that he was making a suggestion only, said that if the President, with the help of the Secretariat and having in his possession the observations of all interested parties, including Israel and Jordan, drew up a working document, the drafting of a statute would be "more practicable."

UNABLE TO JUDGE

He said that he was making his suggestion "because we do not feel that it is possible to undertake the work of the Trusteeship Council in this matter at this very moment. The Council does not have elements for judgment. It does not have the working material which would allow it to work."

If the Council approved the idea, it might not be necessary to adopt a Philippines proposal that Israel be invited to take part in the Council's discussions, he added.

Mr Sayre (United States) said that Mr Noriega had put forward a "worth while" suggestion.

Regarding the invitation to Israel, he said that it should be extended to cover all Council meetings concerning Jerusalem. Jordan should also be invited.

Dr Fadil Jattali (Iraq) contended that the question of which parties were to be invited to attend the Council's discussions depended on the fundamental principle of when the State of Israel was established as a centre for political arguing or as a spiritual place to which all nations have equal access.

UK SUPPORT

Mr John Fletcher-Cooke (Britain) supported the Mexican suggestion. He asked that the Council should decide on it before any other issue.

The Council then adjourned and after its recess the Mexican suggestion was presented in written form. It read:

"The Trusteeship Council, Entrusted with the task of preparing a working paper on the Statute for Jerusalem in accordance with the resolution of the General Assembly of December 9, 1948, the said working paper to be submitted to the Council at the beginning of its sixteenth regular session in Geneva on January 19, 1950."

"Invites the members of the Council to send to the President of the United Nations, for his observations on the provisions of the draft Statute."

"Invites the delegations now participating without vote on the deliberations on the question of Jerusalem similarly to present their views if they so desire."

"Authorises the President to ascertain the views of any other interested Governments."

"The written suggestions and views referred to above shall be submitted to the President not later than January 6, 1950."

SOVIET ABSTENTION

After a further discussion, the Council approved the Mexican proposal by 11 votes to nine, with one abstention—the Soviet Union.

The proposal as adopted also contained an introduction moved by the Lebanon, as follows: "Considering that the completion of the preparation of the Statute of Jerusalem, with which the Council has been charged by the resolution of the General Assembly of December 9, should be effected as soon as possible."

On the proposal of Iraq, the President was authorised to ascertain the views of "any other interested Governments, institutions and organisations."

The Iraq delegate, presenting this amendment, said that "illustrious bodies ought to make known their views to the United Nations."

Having adopted the Mexican proposal, the Council then met to discuss the French resolution expressing concern at the removal of certain departments of the Israeli Government to Jerusalem.—Reuter.

GOLD COAST TO KHARTOUM

Khartoum, Dec. 19.—An all-British, trans-continental air link between Accra, on the Gold Coast, and Khartoum, in the Sudan, is to start operating on January 6 following a successful test flight by an African Airways Corporation plane.

The new service will provide a tie-up with other airlines at Accra westwards to the United States and at Khartoum for Africa.

A Bristol Wayfarer, which made the trip today, carried 10 first-class and 12 second-class passengers, with one and a half tons of freight. It was claimed that this was the first time second-class travel had ever been introduced in the air.

The route is Accra (Gold Coast), Lagos, Kano and Maiduguri (Nigeria), and El Gherin (in the extreme westerly border of the Sudan) to Khartoum. The distance is 2,000 miles and the trip will take two days.—Reuter.

Fog Holds Up Air Traffic

New York, Dec. 19.—Fog today held up half a dozen overseas planes at La Guardia Airport here and several others at Idlewild International Airport.

Seventy jet and piston planes from New York were also cancelled. Meanwhile, planes were grounded over a wide area of Texas. Fog covered seven states in the Southwest, Midwest and South, but conditions were improving in the East.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Come down this minute! Of course that chimney's wide enough for Santa!"

Four Escaped From This Crash



A "flying" coupe landed upside down astride a station wagon and a sedan after failing to make a curve in a road in National City, California. The car plunged down a five-foot bank into a used car lot, rolled and slid on to the hoods of adjoining cars after hitting a delivery truck. Four Marines crawled out without a scratch.—AP Picture.

Von Manstein Appeals Against Sentence

Hamburg, Dec. 19.—Field Marshal Erich Von Manstein, Hitler's most successful commander, appealed tonight against the 18-year prison sentence imposed on him here today by the British Military Court, the West German news agency reported.

1950 FRENCH BUDGET

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French Finance Minister, M. Maurice Pétache, told the French Parliament today he was gambling on future American aid to balance the 1950 budget.

He told the National Assembly he had written into the estimated receipts 250,000,000 francs (£250,000,000) although "I do not have the right to do it."

"Who can prejudice the future decisions of Congress," he asked, adding, however, "I am taking the risk."

M. Pétache made it clear he was counting on eventual American approval for France to unfreeze counterpart funds in France to American dollars in help to France's deficit.

M. Pétache also made it clear that administration of the European Recovery Programme were going to get together with the nations receiving Marshall Plan dollars.

"Distribution of that aid will not be done in 1950 on the basis of our needs as in previous years, but in relation to our efforts to stabilise our money and liberalise our exchanges," he said.—Associated Press.

To Hunt Game With Cameras

London, Dec. 19.—The largest big game expedition to be organised since the war will leave London Airport on Wednesday for Nairobi, but the only guns to be carried will be those of a white hunter accompanying the expedition.

The expedition, which will take colour films of birds and animal life, will be led by Mr Edgar Queney, 52-year-old Chairman of a St. Louis chemical company, who arrived here today with a special camera team from the United States.

Queney said the expedition had to start this week so that it could go through the Belgian Congo in the dry season. The expedition is sponsored by the New York History Museum.—Reuter.

A run on the mind doctors

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to the uncertain government by the State. There is emotional disturbance due to a new fear of freedom.

"Secondly, the decline in religious belief has deprived thousands of their rudder and guide through life."

"Thirdly, people are frustrated by shortages, and are worried by having to make sacrifices to maintain their old station in life."

Dr Ellis Stungo, a Harley-street psychiatrist, said: "Through books and films, and through hearing of the trend in the U.S., people are more aware today of the possibility that they are mentally ill."

"They are less glib about treatment, and less ashamed of admitting that they need it."

(London Express Service)

Baguio Talks May Be Held In March

Manila, Dec. 20.—A well-informed diplomatic source said today that the projected conference for the organisation of a non-Communist South-east Asia union would probably take place in Baguio next March.

The Philippine Ambassador to the United Nations, Brigadier General Carlos Romulo, whom President Quirino charged with the task of inviting prospective member countries to the conference, is expected to be in Manila early next year, if not earlier.

General Romulo may come to Manila to attend the inaugural ceremonies for President Quirino on December 30.

It is still not clear just which countries will attend the projected Baguio conference, but diplomatic sources said that India, Pakistan, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and possibly Indonesia and Korea might be willing to participate.—United Press.

Elephants' Future

Colombo, Dec. 19.—Elephants may become extinct within the next two centuries, according to Mr P.E.P. Deraniyagala, Director of Natural Museums.

Addressing the fifth annual session of the Ceylon Association of Science, he said: "Under natural conditions man's contemporary should enjoy a racial life for as long a period as himself, but with man's rapid expansion it is unlikely that the animal will survive beyond another two centuries."

The only avenue of survival is through total domestication, but although the elephant has been man's valued assistant in labour, war, the hunt and as an executioner, its larger size restricts ownership of the animal to a few individuals, and thereby prevents the animal from becoming domesticated.—Reuter.

EIGHT DIE IN PLANE CRASH

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He was hurled across the room. Later he was taken from the house suffering from shock and ice and chest injuries.

Heat from the flames kept people at a distance of 60 yards.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT MISSING

Mexico City, Dec. 19.—A plane, belonging to Pemex (Mexican Oil monopoly), with six or eight persons on board was reported missing today. It was last heard of on Saturday morning.

Pemex officials said the plane was taking to Japan several relatives of passengers among the 17 killed on Friday in the Compañia Mexicana de Aviación plane crash.

Five relatives of the dead passengers in the previous crash were killed in two motor car collisions on route to the scene of the wreck.—Associated Press.

French Rightists Await Govt's New Tax Proposals

Paris, Dec. 19.—The conflict between the Government and the extreme Right section of its Parliamentary majority over higher taxation to be voted for next year's French budget marked time today.

The general debate was formally opened by the Finance Minister, M. Maurice Pétache, but apart from an appeal by the Premier, M. Georges Bidault, not to provoke another political crisis, the debate was adjourned until the Government has been able to put fresh economy proposals before the recalcitrant Finance Commission of the Assembly.

The Government, it was expected, would produce on paper 15 to 20 milliard francs of additional economies (equal to less than one percent of the total budget estimates for the coming year) but whether the Radical rebels would be content with this or would force a Cabinet crisis remains to be seen.

The Government's own budget figures start off with a deficit of 25 milliards between estimated revenue and expenditure.

Expenditure is estimated at 2,300 milliard francs (against 2,000 milliards for 1949). Revenue is estimated at 2,275 milliard francs.

The gap, the Finance Minister said today, would be filled by future economies which the Government hoped to inaugurate under a special two-year plan.

The Government's budget provides for 101 milliard francs of new taxation, falling exclusively on employers and business enterprises. The Finance Commission, under the aggressive leadership of the Radicals, has so far refused to approve more than 62 milliards of the new taxation.

The Commission met this afternoon to re-examine the Government's 1950 Finance Bill but adjourned to await new proposals.

Greek Martial Law Lifted

Athens, Dec. 19.—The Greek Cabinet tonight approved a decree lifting martial law from the Athens-Piraeus and Ploponesus areas, to be effective tomorrow.—Reuter.



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PLAYERS' UNION FOR PROFESSIONAL CRICKETERS?

London, Dec. 19.—Those who regard cricket as a money-spinner for professionals because of the large sums occasionally mentioned as benefits get a far different picture when other facts are brought to light. The great majority of professional cricketers get an average weekly wage which trade unionists in other walks of life would not tolerate.

Footballers, with their £12 weekly, might not be so well off had it not been for the Players' Union, and it is within the realm of possibility that a similar union for cricketers may come into being before many more seasons.

It needs only a good organiser and the backing of all professionals to make the thing possible, particularly these days when more amateurs are finding it increasingly difficult to play County cricket regularly.

There are dozens of cricketers who have made the game their living but who will never have the opportunity of going on one of the tours which do bring an appreciable income to a "star" player.

Yet this sum is lessened considerably by taxes and it is not all profit. Those players who are at present in India as the Commonwealth team are likely to benefit more from their tour than any other side which has gone abroad.

SHARE OF PROFITS
Their guarantee of £400 plus £4 weekly as expenses and

then a share of the profits may become larger than can be thought because the side is so popular that it is drawing large crowds and the tour profits are expected to be large.

When England last went to Australia they received £25 and 30s. weekly expenses together with a bonus. Appropriately the same occurred to the South African tour, but these rewards, even allowing for income tax, give a man a respectable annual income.

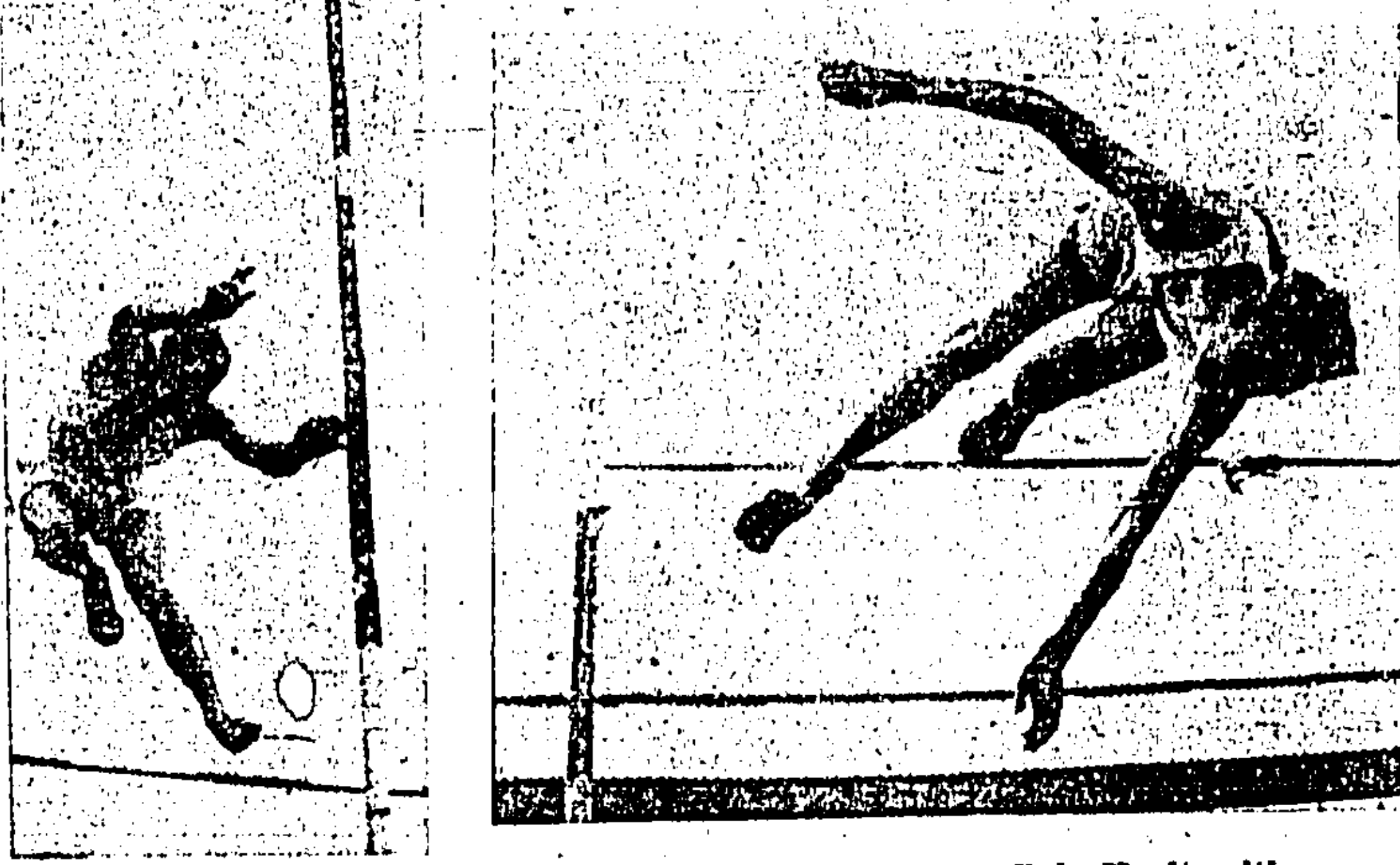
They are, however, reserved for a few players and the great

game of cricket cannot, for its survival, depend on the few players. The backbone are the many other professionals who make up County sides and who have no prospect of such incomes.

Some may not be treated as well as others and while long service may bring benefits many players might prefer a regular income of worthwhile proportions during their playing days rather than a pittance and then a dubious benefit later.

There are other problems which beset the average professional, pensions for example, and a strong Players' Union could do as much for County cricketers as the other body has done for footballers—Reuter.

ENGLAND'S HOPES FOR THE FIELD EVENTS



T. D. Anderson, new English record-holder in the Pole Vault with a mark of 12 feet 10 inches and Peter Wells (right), ex-Schoolboy Champion, the new English record-holder in the High Jump with a mark of 6 feet 6 inches, are two of England's brightest hopes for Empire Games Championships at Auckland in February.

There Will Be Too Many Non-Starters At The Empire Games

BY "RECORDER"

There is already a record entry for the Empire Games at Auckland, New Zealand, from February 4 to 11, almost 600 to date, but the Games will probably gain notoriety for the fact that some of the champions who will be crowned will have an unhappy feeling they won because someone else did not compete.

Such outstanding Empire athletes as Arthur Wint, Herb McKenley, Bill Nankeville, Roger Bannister, Henry Rebell and E. L. R. Phillips will not be competing. Among the doubtful starters are MacDonald Bailey and the first English athlete to reach 51 feet in the Shot Put—J. A. Savidge.

India and Pakistan have decided to conserve their energies for the Asian Games which come in the autumn next year—not so much their energies as the fact that budgets for athletics can hardly stand two big international events in one year. Of the West Indian colonies, Jamaica only is sending a team. Trinidad may or may not be represented by MacDonald Bailey. If he goes to Auckland, it will be on his own resources or on those of New Zealand.

New Zealand tops the entries list with 200 competitors. Australia will send 130 and England 70. Also competing will be Canada, Fiji, Malaya, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Scotland, South Africa and Wales. Record entry for the Empire Games so far was at Sydney in 1938 where there were 507 participants.

What will an Empire Quarter-Mile Championship look like without McKenley and Wint and, probably too, Curtoia, three of the finalists in the Olympic 400 Metres at London last year?

TRUE ENOUGH

The starters still represent one of the finest groups of Empire Quarter-Milers in history, but no McKenley, no Wint. True enough that Jamaica's George Rhoden has outrun McKenley as has Australia's John Bartram, but could it not have just been a flash in the pan? And Olympic Champion Arthur Wint has still to find a real challenger.

Besides Rhoden there are left Bartram and Edwin Carr of Australia, Schalk Booysse of South Africa, Bob and Don MacFarlane of Canada, L. C. Lewis of England and Duncan White of Ceylon.

All are crackerjacks 440 men, but not one a race for Rhoden. All hover around 48 seconds, and the young Jamaican is under 47 and not quite in his prime yet. What a race it could have been—Wint, McKenley, Rhoden and Curtoia.

As things look at present, one can almost nominate the winners in the track events without running any races—Jamaica's Leslie Laing in the 100 and 220, Rhoden in the 440, New Zealand's Douglas Harris in the 800 and possibly the Mile, Leslie Eyre in the latter event if Harris does not double and Eyre in the Three Miles.

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Looking over the appended list of best Empire performances, brought up to date, not one of these names stands against the best performance of the season. Their times in training are unofficial and unrecorded.

Season's Best Empire Performances

100 Yards		220 Yards		440 Yards Low Hurdles	
Donald Bailey (Trinidad)	0.6	John Bartram (Australia)	20.0	George Lubbie (Australia)	5.0
John Bartram (Australia)	0.6	Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	20.0	Harry Whittle (England)	5.0
Lea Laing (Jamaica)	0.7	Bob McCool (Australia)	21.2	Geoff Goodacre (Australia)	5.0
A Jones (Wales)	0.7	Jack Scurry (England)	21.3	D. Stewart (N. Zealand)	5.0
Joe Johnson (Australia)	0.7	Eric Curotta (Australia)	21.4	Erishabab (Australia)	5.0
Eric Curotta (Australia)	0.7	John Bartram (Australia)	21.4	Duncan White (Ceylon)	5.0
Strickland (Australia)	0.8	Donald Bailey (Trinidad)	21.5	Jim Miller (Australia)	5.0
John Bartram (Australia)	0.8	C. M. Wilkinson (England)	21.6	John Bartram (Australia)	5.0
John Bartram (Australia)	0.8	John Bartram (Australia)	21.6	M. D. Pope (England)	5.0
L. R. Phillip (India)	0.8	John Bartram (Australia)	21.6	W. Burgess (Australia)	5.0
John Bartram (Australia)	0.8	John Bartram (Australia)	21.6	John Bartram (Australia)	5.0
John Bartram (Australia)	0.8	John Bartram (Australia)	21.6	C. Brierley (England)	5.0

100 Yards	220 Yards	440 Yards	880 Yards	1 Mile	1.2 Mile	1.5 Mile	2 Miles	2.2 Mile	3 Miles	3.5 Mile	4 Miles	4.5 Mile	5 Miles	5.5 Mile	6 Miles	6.5 Mile	7 Miles	7.5 Mile	8 Miles	8.5 Mile	9 Miles	9.5 Mile	10 Miles
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CZECH PRESS LASHES OUT AT WORLD CUP ORGANISATION

Prague, Dec. 19.—The Controlled Prague Press today accused the International Football Association of being more interested in profits than the quality of competition in preparing for the World Cup Soccer Championships in Brazil next year.

The criticism was made in Prague's only Monday newspaper, "Pondelnik."

To prove its contention, "Pondelnik" said the Executive Committee of the Football Association ruled that both Scotland and England would be invited to play in the championship in Brazil although both are in the same group in the elimination round and only one should be eligible to compete next year.

"This incorrect step," the paper added, "discriminated against those states which fought their way to the final group. In addition, France will also be invited to Brazil although she lost in her group."

"This is because their participation in the Championships will probably mean more financial success than the participation of India or Palestine for instance."

"There is no doubt that the French will get what they want and although their team was eliminated, they will get into the final group because financial success means more to the Brazilian organisers and the International Soccer Federation than the sports quality."

France was recently defeated by a Yugoslav team in an elimination round. None of the other Eastern European "People's Democracies" are taking part—Associated Press.

Australian Tennis Players Criticised

Melbourne, Dec. 19.—Cliff Sproule, manager of the 1949 Australian Davis Cup team, criticised the conduct of the team in an official report to the Lawn Tennis Association tonight.

He said the team as a whole showed a lack of interest in official functions and particularly singled out by Sidwell. He said Sidwell played in an exhibition match in England against his (Sproule's) wishes and failed to enter the United States Singles Championships as expected following the Davis Cup round.

Sproule said it appeared there had been some misunderstandings with the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia before the team left home and that this had marred the tour from the manager's point of view—Associated Press.

German Ex-POW Gets A Chance

London, Dec. 19.—Karl Heinz, a former prisoner of war, may become the third German to play in a League side in post-war English soccer. Heinz was given a chance by Exeter City, the Third Division, South-Football League club, in a practice match, and in a pair of borrowed boots he shot two goals.

His general ability was so impressive that George Houghton, the Exeter City manager, has arranged for him to gain experience with local club and to practise twice a week on the Exeter ground.

OLD FRIEND
Now engaged in market gardening in the Exeter district, Heinz was conscripted into the Luftwaffe when he was 19 and a half. He was encouraged to seek a chance with Exeter when he watched Bristol City play and recognised their inside-right, Albert Eisentrager, as an old friend with whom he had played soccer in his pre-Luftwaffe days.

Impressed by Eisentrager's performance, he decided to ask Exeter to give him a trial. Heinz, who is six feet tall, is an inside-right. There is one other German besides Eisentrager in English League football today. He is Bernard Trautmann, Manchester City's goalkeeper—Reuter.

AWARD FOR TOP PROFESSIONAL

New York, Dec. 18.—Ray Hickock, wealthy sportsman of Rochester, N. Y., announced today that he would put into competition a new sports trophy in 1950 to be awarded to the professional "athlete of the year."

He said the trophy would be a \$10,000 jewel-studded belt. A committee of 150 sports writers throughout the country will cast votes next December to name the athlete of the year.

The Hickock award in professional sports will parallel the coveted James E. Sullivan Memorial award for the outstanding amateur athlete of the year—United Press.

HENLEY DATES

London, Dec. 19.—The Henley Royal Regatta next year has been fixed for July 5 to July 9—Reuter.

League Cricket Averages

BATTING:

	Runs	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
T. Grant (R. Navy)	4	1	106	81	55.33
N. E. Arthy (Optimists)	9	1	342	76	42.75
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	8	2	228	50	30.00
G. R. Tomline (Army)	4	1	101	55	33.00
K. M. Ramjinh (Craigcower)	8	1	220	80	33.00
F. J. Moorhouse (RAF)	6	1	150	60	25.00
G. A. Souza (Craigcower)	8	2	177	61	20.40
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	7	2	131	33	20.20
A. D. Pantou (RAF)	6	2	102	44	25.50
H. M. Newton (Scorpions)	5	-	127	00	25.40
E. N. Gambrell (RAF)	7	-	103	44	23.28
F. A. Weller (Scorpions)	7	-	156	37	22.28
A. R. Abbas (IRC)	8	0	109	53	21.80
K. C. A. Ball (RAF)	5	0	107	48	21.40
A. Zimmern (KCC)	9	1	174	45	21.40
D. A. Oakley (Commandos)	6	1	147	55	20.57
M. W. Holme (Army)	8	1	122	34	20.33
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	6	1	101	54	20.20
D. Chelliah (Optimists)	6	-	119	35	19.83
L. P. Sukies (Army)	8	1	133	51	19.00
R. Graveston (Army)	8	2	114	44	18.00
F. R. Zimmern (KCC)	7	1	111	58	18.00
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	7	1	108	34	18.00
A. H. Ismail (Craigcower)	8	1	137	66	17.12
G. Hong Choy (Craigcower)	8	1	130	52	16.25
F. E. Therncroft (Army)	8	1	100	34	12.50

*Not Out Qualification: 100 runs

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
J. H. Bennett (Army)	29.3	7	66	11	6.00
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	104.5	22	236	34	6.94
A. L. Smith (Optimists)	45.3	8	150	18	8.33
P. C. Pereira (Recreio)	60.1	18	161	17	9.47
R. C. Corfield (Army)	62.2	21	202	21	9.61
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	61.3	8	193	20	9.65
E. N. Gambrell (RAF)	50	7	142	14	10.14
A. R. Abbas (IRC)	61.3	10	205	26	10.19
A. B. Minu (KCC)	68	22	273	25	10.92
H. E. Lee (KCC)	32.5	5	132	12	11.00
J. C. Koh (University)	53	8	167	15	11.13
H. S. Cull (Scorpions)	50.1	10	167	15	11.13
A. R. Abbas (IRC)	55.3	9	157	14	11.21
Graves (Commandos)	56	10	141	12	11.75
J. C. Thern (RAF)	94	25	237	20	11.85
A. Briggs (Commandos)	63	15	194	15	12.93
W. M. Mitchell (Army)	50.5	9	199	15	13.26
E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	48	7	139	10	13.90
K. H. Vaughan (RAF)	48	7	160	12	13.33
T. H. Lean (University)	60.2	17	199	14	14.21
S. M. Teh (University)	60.2	14	218	15	14.53
C. H. T. Pritchard (Optimists)	50	3	205	14	14.64
C. H. T. Pritchard (Optimists)	50	3	178	12	14.83
K. C. A. Ball (RAF)	50	3	178	12	14.83

Qualification: 10 wickets for an average under 15.00

SECOND DIVISION

BATTING:

	Runs	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
D. Langston-Jones (KCC)	5	1	148	102	37.00
S. E. M. Bux (IRC)	5	1	139	82	34.75
B. Dhabher (KGVS)	8	2	109	35	28.16
V. C. Bond (KCC)	6	1	124	47	26.80
A. T. Lee (KCC)	6	1	128	57	21.33
A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	8	-	149	40	18.62
Eric Ho (University)	7	-	123	41	17.57
D. E. Remedios (Recreio)	8	-	101	26	12.62

*Not Out Qualification: 100 runs for an average over 10.00.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
D. J. Dunne (KGVS)	44.3	10	85	25	3.40
A. T. Lee (KCC)	74	23	118	22	5.36
Owen (Commandos)	60.5	11	129	24	5.37
J. Hirst (RAF)	44.5	11	103	19	5.42
G. Vale (R. Navy)	63	16	133	24	5.54
Dowling (Commandos)	23	6	57	10	5.70
A. R. Osmund (Recreio)	34.5	6	128	10	6.78
D. E. Remedios (Recreio)	47.3	10	120	19	6.78
A. D. Ebrahim (IRC)	63.3	20	150	21	7.14
Y. Molwala (IRC)	74	20	167	23	7.26
W. Salter (KGVS)	56.5	15	98	13	7.53
F. D. Bottomley (KGVS)	58.5	13	130	17	7.64
D. G. White (KCC)	40.5	11	132	17	7.76
C. Gutterres (Recreio)	63.5	24	185	22	8.40
Eric Ho (University)	44.5	7	142	14	10.14
D. Davenport (RAF)	43	13	110	10	11.00
P. Hards (Dockyard)	41.2	6	109	10	11.20
G. Elliott (University)	50.4	6	155	12	12.91
B. K. Poh (University)	51.5	7	155	12	12.91
E. Noise (R. Navy)	49.2	13	143	11	13.00

Qualification: 10 wickets.

Top Scorer Of Tour

Durban, Dec. 19.—Jack Moroney, 30-year-old New South Wales schoolmaster, today became the top scorer of the Australian tour so far when he made 160 not out in the match here against a South African XI, which ended in a draw.

The previous best was 153 by Arthur Morris against Natal. The powerfully built opening batsman had been at the wicket for a total of nearly five and a half hours when rain, just before tea, brought a sudden end to the match.

The Australians were then 15 runs ahead on the first innings, having scored 344 for four wickets in answer to the South Africans' total of 328.

Moroney, who included 10 boundaries in his solid innings, helped to put on 187 runs in a third wicket partnership with Neil Harvey, who also completed a chanceless century in two and a half hours.

The pair completely dominated the tired bowlers on the easy wicket, each registering his third century of the tour.

THE SCOREBOARD

Today's scoreboard read:

SOUTH AFRICAN XI

First Innings	Second Innings
K. Archer c. Henderson 58	K. Archer c. Henderson 58
J. Moroney not out 160	J. Moroney not out 160
K. Miller c. Draper 6	K. Miller c. Draper 6
N. Harvey st. Draper 6	N. Harvey st. Draper 6
P. Payne 100	P. Payne 100
S. Loxton lbw. b. Waddington 4	S. Loxton lbw. b. Waddington 4
A. L. Hassett not out 14	A. L. Hassett not out 14
Extras 14	Extras 14
Total for four 344	Total for four 344

Full of wickets

